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BBNC CEO Issues Statement in Response to EPA Review Process Announcement

From BBNC President and Chief Executive Officer Jason Metrokin:

"Bristol Bay Native Corporation appreciates the announcement from the Environmental Protection Agency, which begins a scientific assessment of the Bristol Bay watershed to better understand how future large-scale development projects may affect water quality and Bristol Bay's salmon fishery with input from Bristol Bay residents and stakeholders. While BBNC does not oppose responsible development, we believe that the size and location of the proposed Pebble mine are such that it could have unquantifiable impacts on wild salmon and other natural resources of the region, and that these risks far outweigh any potential benefits. We will participate fully in this EPA process, and appreciate the consideration given to local feedback and a scientific study conducted before permitting can occur for the project."

About BBNC: BBNC is one of 13 Regional Corporations formed under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971. The corporation is a diversified company with investment and business holdings in a stock portfolio and operating companies providing oilfield services, construction services, government contracting and petroleum distribution.

The corporation has more than 8,700 Eskimo, Aleut, and Athabascan shareholders with ancestral ties to the Bristol Bay region. More information can be found at www.bbnc.net

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